

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sports net, ~~including~~ characterised by a mesh structure formed by a foil with permanently-open holes distributed over its surface, ~~said holes comprising a through opening completely circumscribed by a continuous outer edge,~~ the net having an area ratio of holes to foil of 3:1 or more.
2. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the foil is provided with information that is printed partially or fully on one side or on both sides.
3. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1 or 2, ~~wherein the holes are characterised by~~ essentially square holes.
4. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein bridges of the foil running between the holes have different widths.
5. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the size, shape and/or arrangement of the holes relative to each is/are adapted to the imprint and/or for an optimised flow of forces within the net structure, and if necessary ~~varies/~~ vary throughout the surface of the net.
6. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised by~~ wherein an area ratio of holes to foil ~~[[of]]~~ is 4:1 or more.
7. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised by~~ further including fixing means.

8. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 7, ~~characterised by further~~ including at least one loop running at least partially along one of the lateral edges of the foil.
9. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 7 or 8, ~~characterised by further~~ including a plurality of loops arranged adjacent to each other on one or more sides of the foil.
10. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 7, ~~characterised by further~~ including a loop extending along at least 90% of the length of one lateral edge.
11. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 7, ~~characterised by~~ further including one or more ~~hugs~~ hugs in one or more edge regions of the foil.
12. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to ~~one of~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the foil is a plastic foil.
13. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the foil has a textile structure whose fibres are glued or welded together.
14. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the foil material is transparent or semi-transparent.
15. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a net, wherein a foil is made available in which permanently-open ~~through~~ holes are made so that a net or mesh structure is formed.
16. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the foil is printed on one or both sides before the holes are made in the foil,
17. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the holes are punched out, welded out, cut or engraved.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the shape, size and arrangement of the holes are adapted to an imprint.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim~~ Claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of the shape, size and arrangement of the holes in the foil ~~is/are~~ adapted to the flow of forces inside the net and varies[[,]] throughout the surface of the net.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim[[s]] 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one partial section of one side of the foil is folded over and the associated lateral edge is secured to the foil.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral edge of the side folded over or the lateral section folded over is welded to the foil.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim[[s]] 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein one lateral edge is folded, coiled, glued or welded to reinforce said lateral edge.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 22, ~~characterised by further~~ including folding or wrapping a string.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim [[24]]1, adapted to be usable as a volleyball net.

26. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to [[24]]1, adapted to be usable as a goal net.

27. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to [[24]]1, adapted to be usable as a tennis net.

28. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to [[24]]1, adapted to be usable as a protective sports net.

29. (Currently Amended) The sports net according to Claim 3, wherein the square holes have rounded corners.